

RECITAL SURVIVAL GUIDE 2026



2026 Recital Performances
Saturday, June 6 @ 2:00pm
Saturday, June 6 @ 5:30pm
Sunday, June 7 @ 2:00pm

Where
**Keating Theater at
Kirkwood High School**

**** Will Call Opens 45 minutes before show *Doors open 30 minutes before show***

Mandatory Dates

(BOTH AT DPA)

COSTUME PICK UP

May 4 - 7

PICTURES AND DRESS REHEARSAL

May 11 - 14

**MORE INFO AND
SCHEDULE HERE**



Through A Lens
photography

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Recital Hotline

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
REGARDING RECITALS, PLEASE
REACH OUT TO OUR FAMILY
EXPERIENCE COORDINATOR
MEGAN AT dpa.megant@gmail.com**

Ticket General Information

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PICKED UP AT WILL CALL AT THE THEATER

- All families that paid 1 recital fee (you have 1 dancer participating in recital)
 - Receive 4 tickets per family (each ticket can be used once for any show)
- All families that paid 2 or more recital fees (you have 2 or more dancers participating in recital)
 - Receive 5 tickets per family (each ticket can be used once for any show)
- Doors open 30 minutes before showtimes
- **WILL CALL OPENS 45 minutes before showtimes**
- Seating at recitals is GENERAL ADMISSION
- Everyone attending the show must have a ticket
 - Ages 2 and under do not need a ticket if sitting in a lap



BUY
TICKETS
HERE!

Ticket Pick Up Information

- Additional tickets are \$15 each and are available online beginning May 1.
- Tickets may be purchased online in advance, in the portal, or at the door.
- Tickets purchased online are paid with a credit card only.
- Tickets purchased at the door may pay via cash/check/credit card.
- ALL tickets must be picked up at will call before the show (even those bought in advance).

**TICKETS PRINTED AT HOME WILL NOT
BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR.**

YOU MUST PICK UP PHYSICAL TICKETS FROM US AT WILL CALL.

***WILL CALL OPENS 45 MINUTES BEFORE SHOWTIME
TO PICK UP OR PURCHASE TICKETS***

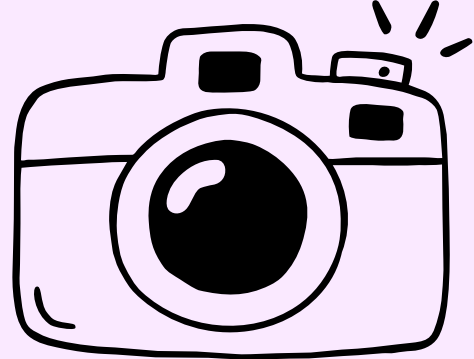


Costume Pick Up Week

May 4 - 7 @ DPA

- Please check in with the front desk to receive your costumes.
- If your costume has not come in yet for any reason, we will notify you, and let you know when it has arrived for pick up.
- REMINDER that tights ARE included with all costumes that need them.
- Make sure to have a nude leotard or dance bra/appropriate undergarments for your costumes!

[CLICK HERE TO SEE YOUR COSTUME!](#)



Picture Week May 11-14 @ DPA

PICTURES (In Room 7)

- Group photos are required to take, but no purchase is necessary.
- Individual photos are encouraged, but not required.
- Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled picture time **READY TO GO**.
- Group photos are taken first, followed by individuals in that costume should you want those.
- Combo classes will take a group photo in each costume (ballet/tap/jazz).
- You need the correct tights and shoes for each costume. (see slide 11)

HAIR AND MAKEUP FOR PICTURES

[SCHEDULE HERE](#)

- Makeup
 - Performance makeup is required for ALL.
- Munchkin/Pre-K
 - Middle part, slicked down, low ponytail (in bun for ballet if possible) - no wispies please
 - Same hair in ponytail for tap and hip hop
- All other students age 6+ is to be worn down and styled nicely.



Dress Rehearsal Week May 11-14 @ DPA

***DRESS REHEARSALS ARE CLOSED.
NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED.***

DRESS REHEARSALS (Room 8)

- Immediately following your pictures, you will have dress rehearsal in room 8.
- Please throw your hair into a quick ponytail for the dress run (if it was down).
- After you finish your dress rehearsal, you are free to leave or go get changed for your next class.
- **Combo classes** will need to change tights, shoes, accessories, and hair (if applicable) for each dance.
 - Dancers will take their picture first followed by practicing their dance and will change for each style.
 - Your tights and accessories are provided in your costume bag.

DRESSING ROOMS (Rooms 5 and 6 for girls and Bathrooms for boys)

- Girls age 2-6 change in room 5 & ages 7+ change in room 6.
- Students that would like assistance changing costumes may have 1 female chaperone accompany them.
- Boys please change clothes in one of our 4 bathrooms.

Hair & Makeup for Recitals

RECITAL HAIR - *All hair accessories go on the right side of the ponytail/bun unless otherwise instructed*

- **ALL Classes**
 - Middle part, slicked down, low ponytail - no wispies please
 - Munchkin/Pre-K also need buns for ballet if possible
- **Pointe and ALL Ballet Classes**
 - Middle part, slicked down, low bun

HAIR AND MAKEUP
EXAMPLE
PICTURES HERE

MAKEUP - ALL PERFORMERS

- Eye shadow, mascara, blush, and lipstick are a must! (Eyeliner for age 6 & under is optional)
- Please use neutral brown tones for the eyes with black mascara, rosy cheeks and a wine colored lipstick (no red)
- No colored nail polish

MAKEUP FOR PERFORMANCE TEAMS

- Performance teams should wear their normal performance makeup including lashes (lashes optional for JR Marquis)

Tights and Shoes

TIGHTS

REMINDER one pair of tights is provided

- Ballet - Pink for ALL
- Jazz & Musical Theater - Tan for ALL
- Tap - Tan for munchkin/pre-k classes
- Tap Levels 1-4 - Black (if needed)
- Tumbling - Tan Stirrup for ALL (if needed)
- Contemporary - Tan Stirrup for ALL
- Choreography - TBD
- Hip Hop 1 - tan
- Hip Hop 2 - none
- Hip Hop 3 - none
- No tights for Drama/Voice

SHOES

ALL SHOES ARE PROVIDED BY DANCER

- Ballet shoes - Pink for ALL ballet
- Jazz & Musical Theater - Tan jazz shoes
- Tap - Tan tap shoes for munchkin/pre-k classes
- Tap 1-4 - Black lace tap shoes
- Tumbling & Contemporary - Barefoot for ALL
- Choreography - TBD
- Hip Hop - Clean Tennis Shoes - Color TBD
 - Level 1 - white
 - Level 2 - black
 - Level 3 - white
- Drama/Voice - dress shoes from home

Recital Show

Orders Here

***DRAMA CLASSES HAVE THEIR RECITALS AT
DPA ON JUNE 4 FROM 7:30-8:30PM.***

Recital Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures

- Performers need to be dropped off **1 hour** before their show time and be in their dressing room.
- Tickets may be picked up at will call **45 minutes** before show time.
- Doors to the theater open at **30 minutes** before show time for audience members.
- Seating is NOT ASSIGNED and is GENERAL ADMISSION.
 - *Families of our Graduating Seniors will be contacted about their reserved seating.*
- Everyone attending the show must have a ticket (ages 2 and under do not need a ticket if sitting in a lap).
- There will be no intermissions
- Following the bows of the show, all students will return to their dressing rooms for pick up
 - **PURPLE dressing room** kids will need to be picked up at the dressing room door with your lanyard (if you are returning for the second Saturday show, you may leave your belongings in the dressing room).
 - **TEAL dressing room** may check themselves out and meet you in the lobby and also allowed to leave their belongings if returning for the second show.

Dressing Room Assignments

PURPLE DRESSING ROOM: 5th GRADE AND YOUNGER

Every child in the purple dressing room may have one female chaperone to assist them with their costume changes. The chaperone and student will receive matching lanyards. This lanyard gives the chaperone entrance in and out of the dressing room to help your child change costumes and to be picked up after the show.

Your matching lanyards will be received when you drop off your child at the purple dressing room and sign them in. We recommend putting your child's lanyard in their dance bag so they don't lose it.

You MUST have your matching lanyard to pick up your child both between and after the shows. If you are in both the 2 AND 5:30 show, you are not required to stay in between, however you must be checked out of the first show AND checked back in for the next.

We will have staff and volunteers to watch the kids in the purple dressing room, but please pack them some activities to do.

Dressing Room Assignments Cont.

TEAL DRESSING ROOM: MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND OLDER

- These dancers must sign themselves in and out of their dressing room on the sign in sheet taped to the door. If they leave between shows, they need to check out and check back in when they return.

BOYS DRESSING ROOM

- The room next to the teal dressing room

****ALL STUDENTS DRESSING ROOM RULES****

- *ALL STUDENTS* **MUST** REMAIN IN THEIR DRESSING ROOM UNTIL THE END OF THE SHOW AFTER BOWS.
- STUDENTS **CANNOT** GO INTO THE AUDIENCE DURING THE SHOW.
- **ALL** STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN BOWS

Recital Show Links

2026 Recital Links were paid for with your recital media fees and will be shared with you as soon as they are loaded onto our streaming service.

We are excited to welcome back Dancing Fox Productions to film our shows again!

Pre-Orders for Bears/Ads For Program

DUE MAY 10

RECITAL BEARS ORDER FORM

Available for pre-order through May 10, for \$20 each.

They will be ready for pick up at recital.

All extras will be sold at the theater, but quantities will be limited.



ADS/GOOD LUCK MESSAGES FOR PROGRAM ORDER FORM

You can always place an ad or a good luck message in our program!

Prices range from \$10 to \$50 depending on the type of ad selected.

Ad copy and payments are due no later than May 10.

Purchase a Bear or Message HERE

Final Reminders

- Arrive at ALL recital events EARLY!
 - If you are running behind, please **text** the studio phone to let us know.
 - 636-458-6605

- No colored nail polish or jewelry
- No undergarments (nude leotards allowed)

Make a checklist of all your costumes, shoes, and accessories and **label** all of your costume pieces and shoes! We cannot return lost items to you if you do not label them with your dancer's name.

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QUESTIONS?

Call or Text 636-458-6605

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